

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

HOW ABOUT AN OCEAN VOYAGE?—ON A RAFT

Is there an able-bodied man who wouldn't leave his cares, troubles and responsibilities to board a ship and head for unknown ports, if even for just a few months of his lifetime?

We doubt it.

Yet if the opportunity to take an ocean voyage arose—on a raft, doubtless the answer to such a "dream" proposition would be a firm "no." For regardless of how much we like to get away from it all the dangers would frighten us and we'd rather "bear the ills we have than fly to others we know not of."

However, "frightened" but courageous men do exist. Men who would go to extremes no matter what the odds to prove a fact—to themselves as well as others. Such men are more than ably personified in the likes of Capt. DeVere Baker and his crew.

Early this month the keel was laid for the raft LEHI V. Capt. Baker, famed for his ocean expeditions on the previous four LEHI rafts, and his crew, consisting of six scientists and a psychologist, will set sail from Mekat, Oran, in the Red Sea for an 18,000 mile voyage encompassing points along the Indian Ocean, China Sea and Pacific Ocean.

JOURNEY BEGINS IN 1961

Once the LEHI V is completed—an estimated 18 months from now—the little craft will be shipped to the above mentioned port and for six months thereafter the crew will go in training before the arduous journey begins.

Sometime in 1961 the raft and its crew will leave the Indian port and head for Ceylon, Malaya, Singapore, Philippines, Japan, Redondo Beach, and conclude in Guatemala, Central America, two years later. That is if all goes as planned.

For his crew Capt. Baker has chosen six scientists from India, Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Hawaii and Mexico. The other member is a practicing psychologist from the University of Southern California. A possible seventh scientist will come from Russia if and when arrangements can be made.

POWERFUL MOTIVE FOR GOING

Having always admired men of Capt. Baker's caliber, I got in touch with him recently in hopes of obtaining the "why" of this forthcoming trip and previous trips.

Seated just a few yards away from the keel to raft LEHI V in King Harbor, Redondo, I listened to the dedicated and mild mannered captain relate with pride an episode that occurred just before LEHI IV set sail.

It seems that a small boy wandered over to Capt. Baker and inquired, "Why do you want to go on that (pointing to the almost complete LEHI IV) anyway, just for fun maybe?"

After some amusement, the captain answered the boy, "Well, we don't go on that raft just for fun; long ago, about two thousand years ago, a band of strong wise men and women sailed from the land of the old world, near Jerusalem, where Christ was born, to the shores of America in flat-bottomed barges or boats. And here they built a fine, bright world. Then some of the men got greedy and wanted to take away from their brother all that he had. This started a great war, which lasted so long that nearly everyone was killed. Just a few years ago the records or the story of these people have been dug up out of the ground where they had been buried, and we want people all over the world today to read that story and make sure they do not become greedy and start a war which will destroy our fine, bright world."

The boy interrupted and asked why the raft was being used. He learned from Baker—"If we want people to read the story, the record of how these people started wars and destroyed their cities, then we have to first prove it was possible for them to sail over to America on rafts in the first place, don't we?"

Strking his bewhiskered jaw, Baker told us that the expedition would also shoot much adventure film, stuff you see on television or in the movies. Also the studies made by the scientists of ocean life is of the utmost importance to men interested in what's below the millions of miles of water.

An autographed copy of "The Raft," the story of four bearded men and a canine mascot drifting on an 18x24 foot raft for 69 days on the Pacific Ocean, completely at the mercy of wind and waves, and published by Capt. Baker in March, was presented to me at the conclusion of our interview.

The book made better reading than anything I had ever read before. Truly a narrative worth your time.



DEVERE BAKER

Thomsen Shifted to Defense for Saturday's Optimist Game

Optimism is running high in both football camps for the Optimist all-star high school game at El Camino on Saturday night.

At Hawthorne the Pioneer Leaguers are boasting of a great backfield and at Leuzinger the Bay League lays claim to a ferocious line.

Coaches of the teams are quick to point to the adequacy of linemen who go with the Pioneer League backs, and with the backs of reputations who supplement the great Bay League line.

If it's possible to say more about a team, Coach Bob Shoup is ready to challenge any doubt about the prospects of the Pioneers.

It would be hard to imagine All-CIF Halfback Ernie Thomsen being delegated to a defensive assignment to make room for LeRoy Golding on the first offensive unit at fullback. However, in stressing speed, Golding is being teamed with Carl Moore and Ken Del Conte as running backs for the Pioneers. Larry Balliett is the quarterback.

Shoup has been quoted as saying how surprised he is that Golding was not used to carry the ball more at El Segundo last fall. The North coach is amazed

with the running tactics of Golding following the first week of practice.

Don Kramer in the Bay League camp is raving over Dave Stout and Mike Conrad as comparable to any college prospects in the land. They will be used at tackle and guard in the Bay League line.

Each of the previous three Optimist all-star games figured to feature offensive outbursts. The first two games ended in upsets with Skip Smith (now at UCLA) racing to two touchdowns in a 13-10 Bay League win in the inaugural.

The Pioneer League has returned with two straight 7-6 victories over the Bay League eleven.

In the cast of each upset the team with the superior line prevailed on the scoreboard.

In inter-league competition among Bay League and Pioneer League schools last fall, the Pioneer League had an edge of four victories, three losses and a tie game.

In 1959 football, Hawthorne, Morningside and North High are switching to the Bay League. The Pioneer League will pick up Torrance High and other teams from the defunct Crescent League.



FOOT WORK—Kay Leslie, who will instruct in dance lessons, gives a few pointers to two pupils, Carol Miller and Ronnie Bryan. Lessons will begin Wednesday at SeaAire Park, 22730 Lupine Drive, from 7 to 9 p. m. The classes, sponsored by the Recreation Department, will teach various steps, ranging from cha-cha-cha to waltz.

Scalp Disease May Last Long Unless Treated, Doctor Says

Roy O. Gilbrt, M.D., L. A. County Health Officer.

Ringworm of the scalp (tinea capitis) is a troublesome and contagious skin disease that occurs chiefly among school children, although cases occasionally do occur in very young children and adults. If untreated, or not given persistent treatment, the infection may last for many months or even years.

The disorder is caused by different species of vegetable parasites (fungi) that invade the outer layer of the scalp, the hair follicle, and eventually the hair shaft itself. In about 10 to 14 days, one or more oval, grayish-white patches appear on the scalp. These patches are not visible under ordinary light but can be seen as fluorescent areas when the scalp is examined under a Wood's light in a completely blacked-out room.

In the early stages of the infection, unless a Wood's light is used, the scalp and hair may look normal to the untrained eye, but soon the hair in each patch becomes dull and lifeless and breaks off about 1/4" above the scalp. The lesion or lesions usually expand to about the size of a dollar and eventually the hair drops off, resulting in bald areas.

The two so-called human types prevalent in this area are caused by the fungi Microsporum audouinii and Trichophyton tonsurans. These forms of the disease are usually spread from person to person, although T. tonsurans may also be carried by animals. Most adults and teenagers are resistant to Microsporum audouinii infections. On the other hand,

although children are more susceptible, all ages are subject to infection by the Trichophyton species.

Laboratory examination is required to determine the type of fungus, and the duration of the infection is directly related to the particular type that is found. The animal type, for instance, has a usual duration of 3 to 4 months, whereas the human types of the disorder persist for at least 5 months. In 97 per cent of all cases, the regrowth of hair is normal.

While ringworm of the scalp—of the human type, particularly—is contagious, it is not considered necessary to exclude an infected child from school. Nevertheless, it is imperative that medical instructions be followed very carefully both in regards to the prescribed treatment and to the preventive measures that must be employed to prevent the spread of the disease.

A pamphlet on ringworm in general, which includes a brief discussion of ringworm of the scalp, will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Card Party

St. Catherine's Unit of St. Peter and Paul Altar Society, Wilmington, will sponsor a card party July 15 at 8 p. m. at the school hall, 706 Bay View at G St.

Bridge, 500 pinocle and bunco will be featured, according to Mrs. Eugie Lavespere, chairman.

Marhams Leave for Five Years in West Africa

Robin Markham, the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. V. Marham, 23317 Hawthorne Blvd., and has family left recently for five years in Africa.

Markham and his wife, both Congregational Christian missionaries under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will spend a month on shipboard with their four daughters, Vicky, 7; Nan Jean, 5; and twins, Cheryl Jamba and Chela Gueve, 2.

The family will arrive in Angola, Portuguese West Africa to begin a five-year term of service. Markham will be in charge of industrial and trade work at the Currie Institute at Dondi, his

Redondo Fishing Pier Schedule

Following is the schedule for boats out of the Redondo Pleasure Fishing Pier:

Daily deep sea half-day boats leave at 6:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 12:45 p.m. All day boats leave at 5:30 a.m. On weekends the half day boats leave at 3 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

Barge taxis leave every hour on the hour from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Night barge fishing extends from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. with taxis running only until 12:30 a.m.

Robin Marham was born in Lisbon, Portugal where his parents, American Board missionaries, were studying Portuguese in preparation for a trip to Angola.

PRESS Sports

Torrance Nike Holds Record Missile Score

The first National Guard Nike firing battery to complete Annual Service Practice at the Red Canyon Missile Range at Fort Bliss has returned to its site in Torrance, presently holder of the highest ASP score attained this year in the Los Angeles Army Air Defense Command.

The Torrance unit scored three successful firings and an unofficial total of 2802 out of a possible 3000 points in the first annual shoot by National Guard troops at the testing range. Their score is also the year's fourth highest among all Army missile batteries on the West Coast in the 6th Region, Army Air Defense Command.

The Torrance site, Battery B, 4th Missile Battalion, 251st Artillery, is commanded by Capt. Jack M. Daniels.

"I am extremely proud of the high score posted by Battery B," Lt. Col. Julian A. Phillipson, 251st battalion commander who witnessed the firing practice, said. "We anticipate similar performances from batteries A and C when they

Entries Pour in to Bulge List of Bowl-O-Drome

A fat entry list is expected in the Second Annual Handicap Singles Classic scheduled for five weekends beginning today at Bowl-O-Drome, reports representatives of the Alex Schreiber and Family Enterprise.

A guarantee of \$5000 and an estimated prize fund of \$8500 is luring bowlers from all over the area. An entry fee of \$12.50 enables contestants, to shoot for the \$1000 and trophy awaiting the winner of the handicap division.

Other prizes are \$600 for second place, \$400 for third, \$300 for fourth. High scratch will pocket \$500, with \$400 going to the runner-up and \$300 to third best, \$200 for fourth and \$100 for fifth.

Deadline will be set when squads fill, no later than midnight, Sunday, August 12. Entry blanks are available at all bowling establishments.

attend Annual Service Practice at Red Canyon in August."

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